



SAINT MARK'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

CHORAL EVENSONG

ON THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026

4:30 PM

CHORAL EVENSONG in this cathedral is a tiny fragment of something else: it is part of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour of the day and night, in every part of the world.

When you experience Evensong, it is as if you were dropping in on a conversation already in progress—a conversation between God and his people which began long before you were born and which will continue long after your death. So, do not be surprised or disturbed if there are some things which you do not understand straight away. For a brief moment, you step into the continual stream of worship which is being offered today and which will be offered to the end of time. You are one with those who worship here on earth and in heaven.

—adapted from the Evensong bulletin of Saint Paul's Cathedral, London.

Saint Mark's Cathedral acknowledges that we gather on the traditional land of the first people of Seattle, the Duwamish People, who are still here, and we honor with gratitude the land itself and the life of all the Coast Salish tribes.

To those present in the cathedral nave, and to those joining from near and far via livestream, welcome to this service of Choral Evensong. Please be aware that incense will be used. Out of respect for the liturgy we are about to celebrate, please turn off all cell phones and audible devices. Please, no photography during the liturgy

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ABOUT THE YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL WEST

Saint Mark's welcomes the Choristers of Saint Paul's, Burlingame, California this weekend as joint participants with our Choir School and Evensong Choir in the 2026 Youth Choir Festival West. This annual festival was begun in 2024 by Dr. Susan Jane Matthews of Saint Paul's, Dr. Katie Webb of Trinity Cathedral, Portland, and Rebekah Gilmore of the Saint Mark's Choir School. The choristers enjoy preparing shared repertoire, making new friends, and learning that wherever they go, they are welcomed as family in Episcopal churches on the West Coast. Saint Mark's is happy to have a turn to host the choristers of Saint Paul's for this year's festival. The festival choir sang also for the 11:00 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist here this morning.

PRELUDE *O Gott, du frommer Gott*, Op. 122, No. 7
(Tune of Hymn 681, “Our God, to whom we turn”)

Johannes Brahms

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Please stand as you are able for the procession of choir and other ministers.

AT THE PROCESSION Organ improvisation

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

PRECES *sung by the Officiant and Choir*

setting by Jessica French

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;
Choir and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;
Choir O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
Choir as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
 world without end. Amen.

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
Choir The Lord’s name be praised.

PHOS HILARON *O gladsome light* ♦ *sung by all, standing as able*

WORDS: Φῶς Ἰλαρόν, Greek, 3rd century
paraphrase by F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984)
TUNE: *Conditor alme siderum*, plainsong, Mode 4



1. O gra-cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in you the Fa - ther’s glo - ry shone.
2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.
3. Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord;



Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
where - fore you are through all the earth and in the high - est heav’n a - dored.

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Please be seated.

PSALMODY *Psalm 8 ♦ chanted by the Choir*

St. Helena Psalter

Plainsong Tone V.2 with verses in fauxbourdon by Gerre Hancock

Domine, Dominus noster

O God our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world

Out of the mouths of infants and children, *

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What are we that you should be mindful of us, *

mere mortals that you should seek us out?

You have made us but little lower than the angels; *

you adorn us with glory and honor;

You give us mastery over the works of your hands; *

you put all things under our feet:

All sheep and oxen, *

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O God, our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Glory to God, Source of all being,

Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever, Amen.

THE LESSONS

Please remain seated.

READING *Romans 6:3-14*

DO YOU not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

CANTICLE *Luke 1:46–55 [The Song of Mary] ♦ sung by the Choir*
Magnificat

setting by Sarah MacDonald

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please be seated.

READING *John 5:19–24*

JESUS said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own but only what he sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing, and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and does not come under judgment but has passed from death to life. ♦

Please stand as you are able.

CANTICLE *Luke 2:29–32 [The Song of Simeon] ♦ sung by the Choir*
Nunc dimittis

MacDonald

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED *chanted by all on a monotone, remaining standing as able*

Officiant I believe in God,

All **the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

SALUTATION & LESSER LITANY *sung by the Officiant and Choir*

setting by Jessica French

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *chanted by all on a monotone, standing or kneeling*

Officiant Our Father,

All who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever.

Amen.

SUFFRAGES

French

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

Choir And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the state.

Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people.

Choir And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Officiant **O** GOD, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Choir Amen.

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

Officiant **M**OST holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior.

Choir Amen.

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

Officiant **K**EEP watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

Choir Amen.

Please be seated for the anthem.

Sung by the Choir; please be seated.

ANTHEM *Even when He is silent*

WORDS: Anonymous 20th century,
found written on a wall in a WWII concentration camp;
MUSIC: Kim André Arnesen

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.
I believe in love even when I feel it not.
I believe in God even when He is silent.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Officiant offers prayers for the Church and the world.

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Almighty God,

All you have given us grace at this time

with one accord to make our common supplication to you;
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name
you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
as may be best for us;

granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Sung by all, standing as able.

HYMN

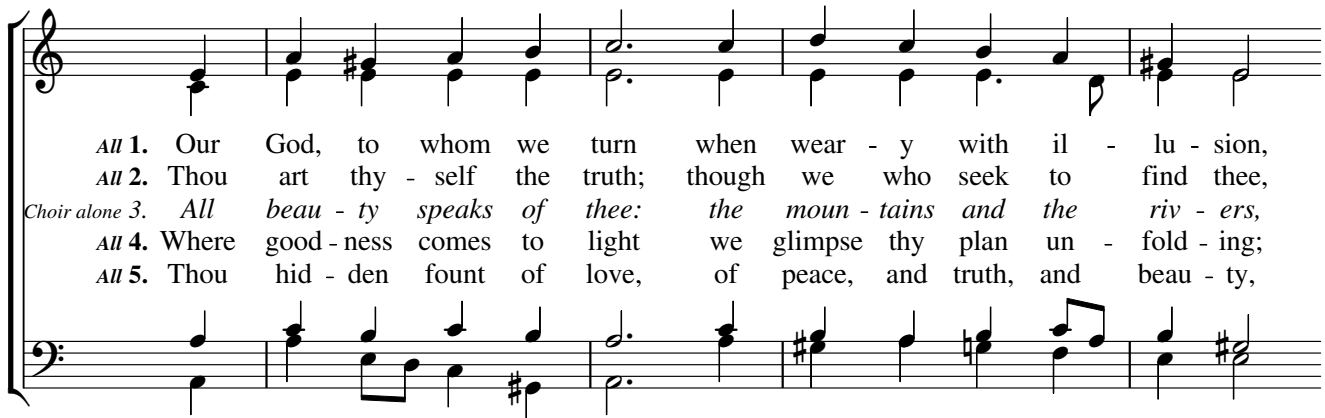
Our God to whom we turn

WORDS: Edward Grubb (1854-1939), alt.

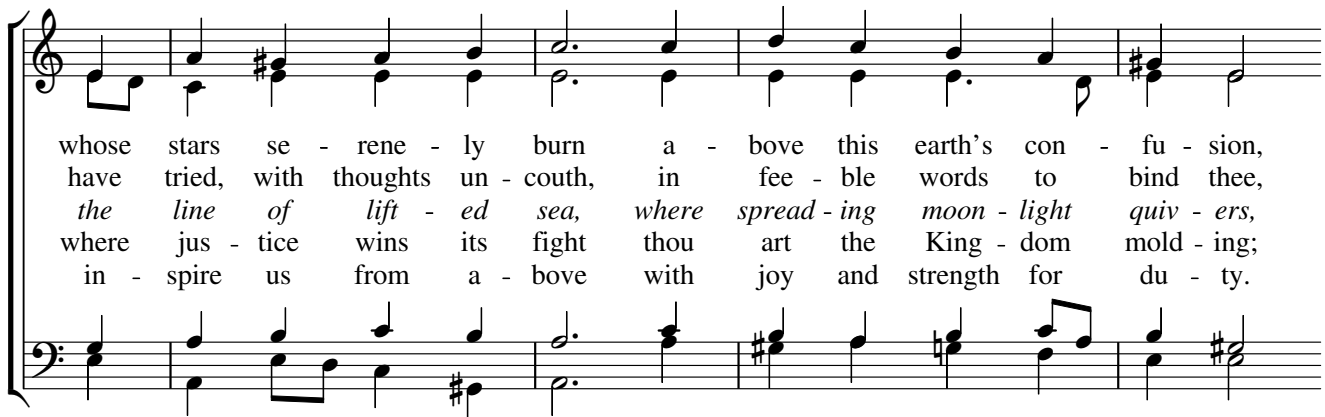
TUNE: O Gott, du frommer Gott,

melody from *Neu ordentlich Gesangbuch*, 1646;

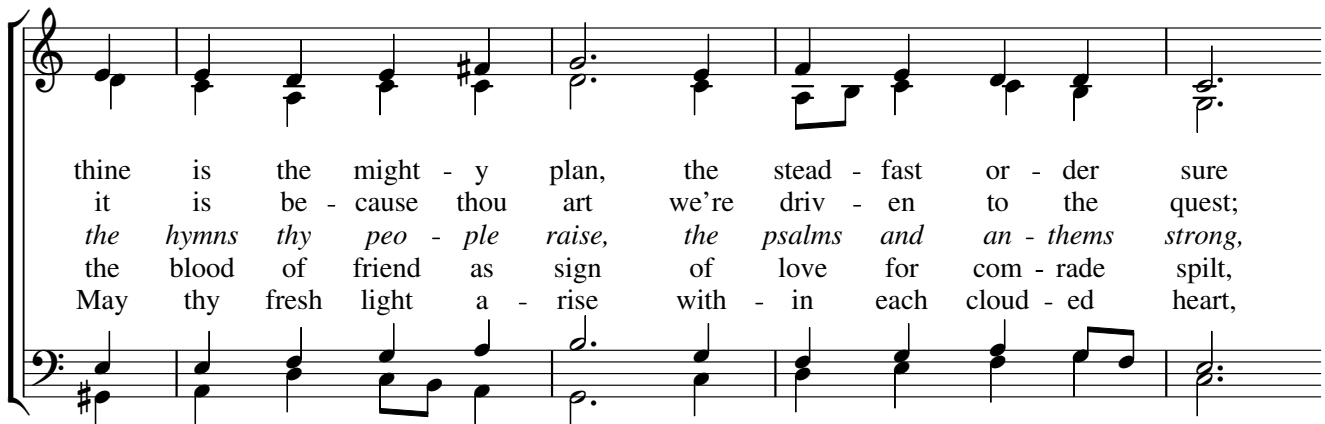
harm. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



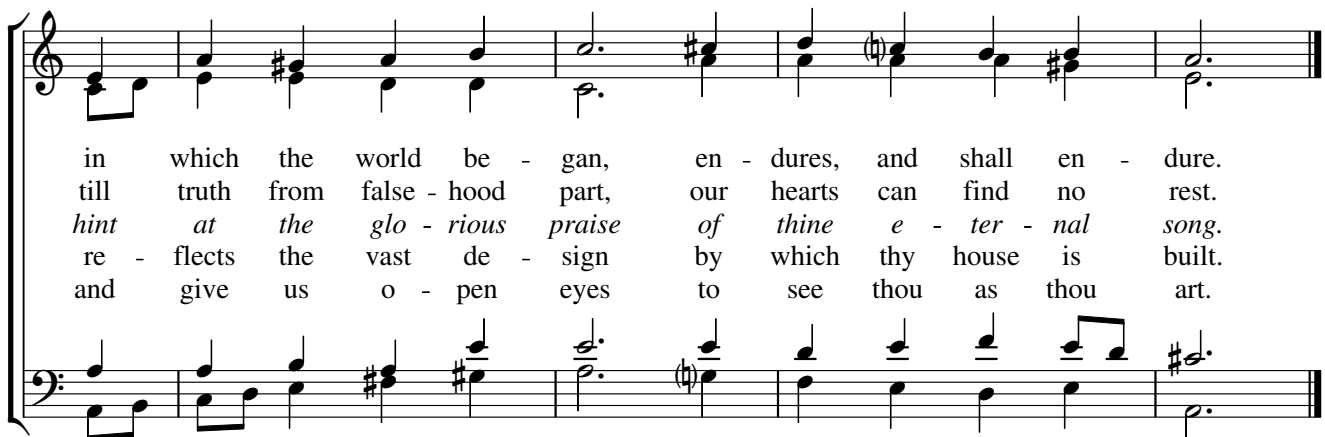
All 1. Our God, to whom we turn when wear - y with il - lu - sion,
All 2. Thou art thy - self the truth; though we who seek to find thee,
Choir alone 3. All beau - ty speaks of thee: the moun - tains and the riv - ers,
All 4. Where good - ness comes to light we glimpse thy plan un - fold - ing;
All 5. Thou hid - den fount of love, of peace, and truth, and beau - ty,



whose stars se - rene - ly burn a - bove this earth's con - fu - sion,
have tried, with thoughts un - couth, in fee - ble words to bind thee,
the line of lift - ed sea, where spread - ing moon - light quiv - ers,
where jus - tice wins its fight thou art the King - dom mold - ing;
in - spire us from a - bove with joy and strength for du - ty.



thine is the might - y plan, the stead - fast or - der sure
it is be - cause thou art we're driv - en to the quest;
the hymns thy peo - ple raise, the psalms and an - thems strong,
the blood of friend as sign of love for com - rade spilt,
May thy fresh light a - rise with - in each cloud - ed heart,

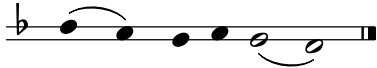


in which the world be - gan, en - dures, and shall en - dure.
till truth from false - hood part, our hearts can find no rest.
hint at the glo - rious praise of thine e - ter - nal song.
re - flects the vast de - sign by which thy house is built.
and give us o - pen eyes to see thou as thou art.

DISMISSAL



Officiant Let us bless the Lord.



All Thanks be to God.

THE GRACE

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

All Amen.

VOLUNTARY Variations on *Jesu, dulcis memoria*

Jessica French

Please remain standing, as able, for the procession of ministers, then be seated for the rest of the Organ Voluntary. At its conclusion, in keeping with the prayerfulness of this evening's liturgy, please express your appreciation with a silent 'Amen' rather than applause.

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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Youth Choir Festival West 2026

Dr. Susan Jane Matthews, Rebekah Gilmore, and Canon Michael Kleinschmidt, *conducting*
John Stuntebeck, *organist*

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